

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. IVERSON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 223.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of J. J. Lints, asking compensation for his services as custodian of the public property connected with the improvements of the harbor at Erie, Pennsylvania, having had the same under consideration, report:

It appears from official documents, that, in 1853, the memorialist was appointed local agent and engineer for the improvement of the harbor at Erie, Pennsylvania, at a compensation of \$120 per month, by Colonel Abert, corps topographical engineers, with the approval of the Secretary of War. When the appropriation for the work became so far exhausted as to render it necessary to suspend operations, Mr. Lints was continued in service as custodian of the public property pertaining to the harbor, at a reduced compensation of two dollars per day. He now claims \$1,236 compensation for his services as custodian, from the 8th of April, 1857, to the 16th December, 1858, inclusive, no part of which, he avers, has ever been paid him. The correctness of the account is admitted by the officer in charge of harbor improvements on the lakes, but an offset is made to the amount of \$815 14, being the value of a certain amount of timber which disappeared or was lost whilst in charge of Mr. Lints. The memorialist prays that this shall not be charged against him, inasmuch as said timber was carried away and lost by storms, in part, and in part was stolen, neither of which was he able to control. A number of witnesses confirm this statement of Mr. Lints, and testify to his having been a faithful and attentive officer. He received no pay after the 8th of April, 1857, because the appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at Erie had been exhausted previous to that date. The committee think him entitled to the amount claimed, and report a bill accordingly.

